

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

PROMESA

Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

Re: ECF Nos. 20576, 20672

(Jointly Administered)

URGENT CONSENSUAL MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINES

To the Honorable United States District Judge Laura Taylor Swain:

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Commonwealth”) respectfully submits this urgent consensual motion (the “Urgent Motion”) for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Proposed Order”), extending the deadlines set forth in the *Order Granting Urgent Consensual Motion For Extension Of Deadlines* [ECF No. 20672] (the “Scheduling Order”).²

¹ The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor’s respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (“COFINA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority (“HTA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (“ERS”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (“PREPA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (“PBA”) (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

² The Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as the Commonwealth’s representative pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”), has authorized the Department of Justice to file this Urgent Motion on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Request for Relief

1. On April 20, 2022, plaintiffs in the cases captioned *Washington del Valle v. Rivera Schatz*, Case No. 17-1770, and *García Perales v. Rivera Schatz*, Case No. 18-1081(collectively, the “Movants”), filed the *Motion Requesting Order or In the Alternative to Lift Stay* [ECF No. 20576] (the “Motion”), requesting that the Court “(1) determine that upon the expiration of the automatic stay, the case should be allowed to continue to its end in the District Court, including possible payment for potential judgement against the Defendants; (2) in the alternative, this Honorable Court should apply the Sonnax standards and proceed to lift the stay, allowing the case to continue to trial and any potential payment for judgement.” See Motion at 13.

2. On May 4, 2022, the Court entered the Scheduling Order, which provides that responses to the Motion must be filed by May 11, 2022, and Movants’ reply is due May 18, 2022.

3. The Commonwealth and the Movants are discussing a possible consensual resolution to the Motion. Accordingly, to allow such discussions to proceed, the Commonwealth, with Movants’ consent, proposes the following extensions of the deadlines set forth in the Scheduling Order:

- The deadline to respond to the Motion shall be extended to **May 18, 2022**.
- The deadline for Movants to file a reply to a response, if any, shall be extended to **May 25, 2022**.
- The Court will thereafter take the Motion on submission, unless the Court determines that a hearing is necessary.

4. Pursuant to Paragraph I.H of the *Sixteenth Amended Notice, Case Management and Administrative Procedures* [ECF No. 20190-1] (the “Case Management Procedures”), the Commonwealth hereby certifies that it has carefully examined the matter and concluded that there

is a true need for an urgent motion; it has not created the urgency through any lack of due diligence; has made a bona fide effort to resolve the matter without a hearing; has made reasonable, good-faith communications in an effort to resolve or narrow the issues that are being brought to the Court, and Movant consents to the request in this urgent motion.

Notice

5. The Commonwealth has provided notice of this motion in accordance with the Case Management Procedures to the following parties: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico; (b) the indenture trustees and/or agents, as applicable, for the Debtors' bonds; (c) the entities on the list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims against COFINA; (d) counsel to the statutory committees appointed in these Title III cases; (e) the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico; (f) counsel to the Oversight Board; (g) the Puerto Rico Department of Justice; (h) all parties filing a notice of appearance in these Title III cases; and (i) Movants. A copy of the motion is also available on the Commonwealth's case website at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/puertorico/>.

6. The Commonwealth submits that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

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WHEREFORE the Commonwealth requests the Court enter the Proposed Order and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Dated: May 11, 2022
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Proposed Order